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THE "BEE HIVE,"

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NEW STORE

WILL BE OPENED

This Day,

With a great variety of useful Goods, amounting in number to 3,750 Articles, consisting of

Household Furniture, Lounges, Bed-

steads, Tables, Chairs, Crockery

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Plain and Fancy Baskets, &c., &c.

The whole of which will be offered at such very reasonable Prices as cannot fail to give general satisfaction.

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The business has been conducted upon Cash Principles. Mr. Brunn begs to say to his numerous and very kind friends that having seen the advantages of this system he is determined for the future to continue his business upon the same, and that he is holding ready money to be able to supply his friends upon the best and easiest terms.

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Fashionable Clothing

STORE,

ESTABLISHED 1858.

Government Street,

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Jan 1st

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The Provincial Bank of Ireland;

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FOR

NEW Year's.

FRESH, 75 cts per Dozen.

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FRESH CALIFORNIA EGGS, HAMS,

Bacon, Lard and Butter. Also, a large quantity of Fresh green and dried Lemons and Limes, and various Underdressed is being sold on cheap during the Holidays.

Call and examine for yourselves before purchasing.

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NORTH & CO.,

Druggists & Chemists

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Have constantly on hand a supply of the purest

DRUGS AND MEDICINES,

—AND—

Patent Medicines,

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—ALSO—

Coal Oil and Coal Oil Lamps.

Our Compound Syrup of

Sarsaparilla and Iodide of Potassia

Is the best of the kind.

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OUR SPECIFIC MIXTURE

Is pronounced to be the best article of the kind in use.

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HEYWOOD'S

CELEBRATED

PORK SAUSAGES.

Cor. of YATES and BAYLEY STREETS.

Deler in all kinds of SALT MEATS.

Genuine Yorkshire Hams;

Celebrated Welsh Hams;

St. Clair's (V. I.) Super Cured Hams;

Pork Sound Hams;

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25 KGS BLASTING POWDER FOR

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BETWEEN BATES AND JOHNSON STREETS,

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Jos. Rodgers & Sons' Superior Cutlery

Have for sale the largest and best assortment on the Pacific Coast, to which they would call the particular attention of the public.

We have the facilities for getting our goods from first hands, we feel confident that purchasers will readily promote their own interest by selecting from our Catalogues.

Complete Catalogues of Cartes de Visite Stereo and other goods, sold by us, may be had on application.

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In the Colony.

As their attention is now devoted to establishing a

PURE DRUG BUSINESS,

The Medical Profession, and those interested in

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Practical Pharmacists,

AS WELL AS

IMPORTERS OF DRUGS,

They will be able to supply whatever new remedies

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Chemists, and the demand for Drugs, however, their first aim is to procure the best materials,

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The Best Medicines!

At the same time keep a constant supply of

every kind of remedial appliances, such as Ban-

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nection with the Panama Railroad.

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Saturday Morning, January 16, 1864.

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For Book and Job Printing, every description neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery or the work.

EXTRAVAGANCE IN PUBLIC EX PENDITURE.

It was once remarked by one whose pen was more respected than that of any other public writer of the present century, that journalists as a class wasted half their influence because they did not comprehend the depth of the public ignorance. They always, he said, gave their readers credit for knowing things they did not know, and wrote therefore much too allusively. "People cannot ask a paper where Honolulu is, and till they know that, what use is there in saying that Honolulu is open to attack." The converse of that blunder seems to be the especial weakness of even experienced politicians, when they have the arrangement of public affairs. They have detected the public ignorance so often that they fancy outsiders never can ascertain the truth, and the most palpable blunders are very frequently committed by those who have the direction of public things, and having been once sufficed to pass are blindly preserved in, under the vain impression that the public will not go into the details, and if they do, will not understand them. It not unfrequently becomes the duty of public journalists to point out such mistakes, and to guard the public mind against their recurrence, so far as possible. There are matters within the ken of all who read and observe the ordinary current of events, which nevertheless cannot be passed over in silence by public writers, without their laying themselves open to the accusation of blind acquiescence in malpractices which they cannot but condemn. If, for instance, any branches of the state machinery or public service have through any cause become corrupt, or fallen into error, it will be the duty, however unpleasant the task, of the writer who desires in addition to giving faithful and correct record of current events, to reflect with truth upon the abuses of the age, to unfold and expose to view, as far as it is possible, all that wants correction in the system of public government, under which it may be his lot to live. There are few communities that have not their public evils to complain of and some false positions to regret. All the departments of the public service cannot be expected to be in a state of perfection. In the oldest and best regulated forms of government and most colonies, public matters are, as a rule, more cared for than in the mother country. Our own island is not an exception to this rule. Many and great are the evils under which since the first increase in our colonization took place, we have gone through. Many and various are the departments that with the advent of a new governor will require overhauling. In the first place we can hardly reconcile the heavy civil list with which this colony is saddled with the comparatively small revenue and population of the colony. We do not say that the employers of Government are too highly paid; far from it. No Governor can expect to be well served who pays below the average salaries of the country. No men but those who are essentially idle prefer government service to any other permanent and regular employment. There is not as a rule half the chance of promotion and advancement in the public service that there is in private business. But what we feel inclined to deprecate in the system pursued in this colony, is the division of offices in a small community. Surely it is unnecessary to multiply offices. Better far would it be to pay the individual members of the civil service better, and to curtail their number. A glance at the heads of departments in our own city will convince the most liberal amongst us that there is some discrepancy between the income and expenditure of the state. Some eight or ten heads of departments are surely not the reverse of extravagant for a city of such magnitude as Victoria. We cannot but think that some retrenchment might be made in this respect with advantage. Fewer heads, with an efficient staff of clerks—not young gentlemen who are sent out to the colonies to vegetate upon what they themselves would call "a wretched government appointment"—but steady, quiet-going men of another calibre—at moderate salaries, who have some idea of work and how to perform it.

It is to be hoped that the notice of the members of the House of Assembly will be attracted to the state of the public offices when the estimates come before them. We have no doubt whatever that the civil list will be closely inspected and narrowly scrutinized by some of our political economists. It is possible, however, for the House to go even further than this, and who can say in the present state of affairs, it is not desirable for them well to consider whether it is by any means, and if so, how possible, to effect retrenchment without in any way injuring the public service.

THE NEW LIST OF VOTERS.

The claims for votes registered this year will have a considerable influence upon the present list of voters for the city of Victoria, if they are allowed to stand as they are at present, and inasmuch as any member elected now will be elected for a period of nearly two years and a half, it would be very desirable, if it were possible, to give all new electors an opportunity of voting for the return of a member for the city. The importance of the trust which will be placed in the hands of the member chosen to represent the city of Victoria at the present time is so great, that all who have any right to vote ought to be allowed the privilege of exercising the franchise. It is all important to the interests of the colony that the member who is to be elected to fill the vacancy in the House, should be a man of sound and ascertained views; one in point of fact who will plainly tell the citizens what his views are, and who will hold fast to a decided line of policy without vacillation. We do not desire to see our members pledged on all questions; no member is worth a vote if he does not take his seat quite unfeathered, and free to vote on each particular question as it arises, according to his own opinion, but no public man can carry any esteem with him unless he has fixed principles, and decided opinions, upon all main questions of political economy. There can be no doubt that from the present state of party feeling in the city, taking last years list of voters as the basis on which to ground our opinions, no candidate expressing other than liberal views will have any chance of election; we do not suppose that the revised list would affect this position materially, and if we take into consideration the time that must elapse before the new lists will be ready, we cannot say that the advantage to be gained by admitting the new electors to vote at the coming election would in any way compensate for the delay that would be occasioned thereby.

The new claims having been sent in, the Sheriff is required to make up the lists, and publish them for fourteen days; another of fourteen days is allowed for objections,

and then the list of voters and list of objections has to be submitted to the Sheriff, so that a month must necessarily elapse in giving notice, and the Sheriff is not compelled to publish the list for fourteen days after the last day for sending in claims; and as there is no small labor in preparing the lists, it can hardly be expected with the greatest diligence that the new lists can be completed before the end of February. There could be no good end served by postponing the election for so long a period, but nevertheless it is of great importance that the electors should scrutinize well the list of voters when published, more especially the new claims. Many names annually reappear on the list which have no right there, and it is by no means improbable that many of the new claims sent in will not bear scrutiny. The present election will, we have no doubt, be a sharply contested one. Every elector must be ready for the campaign next week, but we would earnestly caution every citizen against pledging himself to any party or individual before a public meeting has been held, at which each candidate may have an opportunity of expressing his opinions and views.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO THE ELECTORS

—OR—

The City of Victoria.

GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a large and influential portion of my fellow citizens, I offer myself as a Candidate for the seat rendered vacant by the recent death of your late colleague, Mr. Legge, in the Assizes.

While feeling deeply the difficulty of adequately representing the interests of this young and rising colony, and the great responsibility that devolves upon those who undertake so great and onerous a task, I have determined to offer myself as a candidate for the seat which has become vacant, in the hope of my own practical life with those of our city and colony will go far to guide me in legislating for our future prosperity.

I shall advocate the transfer of the Crown Lands to the people, but am not prepared as a Candidate to support the Direct Taxation, nor will I support any measure of a line of British steamers, and batteries and more liberal Port Arrangements with the United States, as are intimately connected with our future prosperity.

The Improvement of Victoria Harbour, the establishment of Direct Communication with Victoria by means of a line of British steamers, and batteries and more liberal Port Arrangements with the United States, as are intimately connected with our future prosperity.

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